IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. Patent Application of PEO PRINCE PROPERTY OF PRINCE PRINCE PROPERTY OF PRIMERS AND DECISION METHOD FOR BASE SEQUENCE THEREOF PRINCE PRIMERS AND DECISION METHOD FOR PASSE SEQUENCE THEREOF PRIMERS PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE PRIMERS AND DECISION METHOD FOR PRIMERS AND DECISION METHOD FOR PRIMERS PRIMERS PRIMERS PRIMERS PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE PRIMERS PRIMER

Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

This is in response to the Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence disclosures dated April 2, 2002, the period for response to which is to expire on June 2, 2002. Applicants hereby resubmit the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences and the statement concurrently filed.

REMARKS

The accompanying sequence listing in computer readable format and statement under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821(e) and (f), along with the following remarks, are being submitted as a full and complete response to the Notice dated April 2, 2002. The application date and number as well as the priority date and number have been added for compliance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to review the attached sequence listing and statement, to proceed with examination of the application on the merits, and to indicate the allowability of the claims.

Substantive consideration of the claims is respectfully solicited. Should there be any outstanding issues requiring discussion that would further the prosecution and allowance of the above-captioned application, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at the address and phone number indicated below.

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